Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a travesty and a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. This action on their part is not in the public interest, but rather in the interest of the Republican Party. And when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.